DITHEISM NOT GENERALLY RECEIVED

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crttr iivai. Senile heretics, foraaking the ecclesiastical doctrine, and making shipwreck of the faith, have in like manner falsely attributed a real nature and to evil.—Of which heretics, there were several sects before the Maui-cheans, sometime taken notice of and by Pagan philosophers themwlves ; as by where he 'charges Christians with holding opinion* that there is i»'«t*ri0c r*^ |iiy«Xft* *Ot*p* dnw: ««* mpajulvocv an execrable god contrary to tin* trreitt God;—'and by Piotinus, writing a whole book against such Christians (the ninth of his Ennemd), which, by Porphyrius, was iiiscribt»d$_f$ wpoc '•owe Fw*iffTik'«n% Against the CJitosttrs.—

But if, notwithstanding all that w« havt* hi* therto said to the contrary, that which Piularrh so much contends for should be granted to lie true, that the two principles (a an efil soul or demon), and no more* it would una voidably follow from thence, that all thofu* other gods, which they worshipped, were not upon by them as so many unmade beings, because then they should have ledged so many first principles* However, it ia certain, that if Plutarch believed his o %vn he must of necessity it for none of the Pagan (thong two of good and evil only exempted) w**n? by theologen* accounted unmade or srlf-

itjcintrtit In ing*. *Ami m* to Plutarch htmHelf, it IK um|tiwt!ouably inanifcfKt, that though In* wen* ti Pa^atj, jttitl a worshipper of all those many god« of thelr'i*, but

* Apisd Oh^n. contra Crhum, lib- %i, p.